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As a below-named joint inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as recited below next to my respective name.

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the invention entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING LOW OPTICAL LOSS SPLICES** assigned serial no. 10/717,856, which was filed on November 19, 2003.

I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims and drawings.

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